

Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program

A program to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes/Tribal Organizations to plan, implement, and evaluate injury prevention interventions

<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention/>



2000–2005 Project Profile



Rocky Boy Health Board of the Chippewa Cree Tribe

Located in north-central Montana, the Rocky Boy's Reservation consists of 120,000 acres and is home to over 4,000 tribal members. The Rocky Boy Health Board coordinates health care delivery for all Tribal members. The Reservation also hosts the Stone Child College.

Injury Topics addressed by 2000-2005 Program (in order of intensity):

Fall Prevention
Pedestrian Safety
Child Passenger Safety
Seatbelt Safety
Bike Safety
Firearm Safety
Fire Safety
Water Related Safety
ATV Safety
Alcohol Related Motor Vehicle Crashes
Roadway Safety

Injury Prevention Program Staff



Theda Morsette

Tenure: 2/1/2001 – 8/30/2005

Training: IHS Levels I-III Injury Prevention Courses, Epi Info

Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

Environmental Health Department • Police Department • Housing Department • Local School • Head Start • Injury Prevention Coalition • Safe Kids • Community Health Representatives • Tribal Officials • Medical clinic • Hospital • Local Businesses • Veterinary clinic • Public Health Nurses • Emergency Management • Diabetes Program • Hunting Group • Indian Health Service

Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

Program Activities

- Established an injury prevention coalition.
- Passed new Tribal traffic code with primary seat belt and child restraint laws.
- Installed smoke alarms in 30 elders' homes.
- Facilitated obtaining cross walks in the community.
- Collaborated with other programs on the establishment of a Youth Wellness Court.
- Conducted an annual hunter safety course.
- Anecdotal increase in seat belt use reported.
- Developed a bike/walk path.

Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP

- Walk/Bike Path - Rocky Boy Environmental Health Department.
- Community IP Education – Public Health Nurse Association.

